

Minutes VIA - Google Meet - Calendar 9:00am - 11:00am October 27, 2023

Committee Mandate: to recognize the value of the contributions made by military personnel, veterans and their families who reside within the city and surrounding communities.

#### In Attendance - Voting Members

- Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR\*
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Jibs Abitoye, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member\*
- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County

#### Guests

<u>Military</u>

• LCol Shawn Thompson, CFB Edmonton

#### Regrets

- Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council
- Sarah General, HMCS Nonsuch
- Maj Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Haydar Al Dahhan, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

#### City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

- Natasha Weber
- Pat Kerekes

- Karen Principe, City of Edmonton
- Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord
- Laurie Hackett, Community Member
- Lorne Strachan, Community Member
- Mike Killick, City of St. Albert
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville
- Rick Palfrey, Community Member
- Scott Lundy, Community Member
- Steve Maybee, Edmonton International Airports
- Justin Wright, MLA, GoA Military Liaison
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville

- Nicole Goehring, Community Member
- Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre
- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons
- Ziad Aboultaif, MP
- Tom McIntyre, Elks

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| 1.   | Call to Order  |   |
|      | 1.1 - Chair Brian Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am                                     | Meeting called to order at 9:02am   |
|      | meeting to order at 9.02 and   | Chair opened the Committee's meetings with Land Acknowledgement.  |
| 2.   | Introductions  |   |
|      | 2.1 Introductions/<br>Welcome Guests   | The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.<br>Noted and thanked:   |
|      |  | <ul> <li>Introductory comments regarding the global situation.</li> <li>We have no guest speakers this month.</li> <li>Introduced Pat Kerekes, City Administration, who will be supporting the committee.</li> <li>B. Hodgson and N. Weber commented on connectivity issues during the last meeting. Noted that their absences will be excused due to connectivity issues.</li> </ul> |
| 3.   | Determination of Quorum  |   |
|      | 3.1 - Quorum of at least 13 members<br>was confirmed by administration<br>Y/N?                       | Yes   |
| 4.   | Approval of Agenda   |   |
|      | 4.1 - Dave McRae MOVED to approve<br>the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes<br>Meetings of October 27, 2023 | Carried   |
| 5.   | Approval of Meeting Minutes  |   |

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|    | 5.1 - Katie Berghofer MOVED to<br>approve the Edmonton Salutes<br>Meeting Minutes from September<br>22, 2023 | Carried<br>Noted that attendance will be adjusted to reflect<br>connectivity issues.   |
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| 6. | Guest Speaker  |  |
|    | 6.1 - No guest speaker today   |  |
| 7. | Reports  |  |
|    | 7.1 - Chair Report<br>K. Principe MOVED to approve the<br>Chair's report.                                    | <ul> <li>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</li> <li>Unable to connect at the last meeting</li> <li>Attended the Global Business Forum in Banff, not representing the ESC but in a different capacity. Understanding what is going on around the world is important. Themes were discussed and some of the presenters were noted.</li> <li>CFLC Reservist Luncheon - Noted the importance and success of the event.</li> <li>Meeting with the Col of Strathcona Light Horse regiment to get an update on the unit.</li> <li>Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Will be attending the one at City Hall</li> <li>Military Cup Golf Tournament - Mentioned where the proceeds went.</li> </ul> |
|    | 7.2 - Administration Report  | <ul> <li>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</li> <li>Governance Update <ul> <li>Members can now serve up to 8 consecutive years (up from 6).</li> <li>Former members must have a 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |



| 7.2 Scott Lundy MOVED to accept<br>the verbal report provided by the<br>administration. | <ul> <li>year break before joining again</li> <li>Must present annually a work plan<br/>and resources needed</li> <li>We can continue to have<br/>subcommittees through an<br/>exemption</li> <li>We are exempt from the<br/>attendance, alternate appointment<br/>policy and annually appointing<br/>chair and co-chair.</li> <li>Chair and Vice Chair Election Process in<br/>January. Elections at the next meeting. Forms<br/>need to be submitted by November 10, 2023.</li> <li>November 18 RCA Concert at West Ed - we<br/>have an option for a booth.</li> <li>Remembrance Day Ceremonies - will send out<br/>a list right after this meeting along with<br/>dates/times you can pick up a wreath if<br/>needed</li> <li>Edmonton Salutes has been invited to an<br/>Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at City Hall<br/>at noon on Nov 8.</li> <li>Budget update - We are doing good.</li> <li>Balance is: \$36,188.80</li> <li>With funding requests for today and<br/>promised funds we are sitting at:<br/>\$5,688.80</li> </ul> |
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| 7.3 - Members/Sector Reports -<br>Military  | <ul> <li>LCol Shawn Thompson provided the following update:</li> <li>Soldiers are undergoing individual and collective training (Build phase)</li> <li>Next year several deployments are scheduled for May -Nov, July - Dec, and Dec - June 2025.</li> <li>LCol Shawn Thompson listed the following</li> </ul>   |



|   | <ul> <li>upcoming events:</li> <li>October 29: NHL Heritage Classic (more information to follow)</li> <li>Nov 3: Veterans Mess Dinner</li> <li>Nov 2-9: Veterans week</li> <li>Nov 15-17: Pride Meetings to discuss and promote diversity</li> <li>Nov 17: Business Luncheon</li> <li>December 11: Holiday Concert (ESC members are invited)</li> </ul> |
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|   | Commander Sarah General Navy/HMCS Nonsuch sent her regrets. City admin spoke to the following:  |
|   | Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force/408 Tactical<br>Helicopter Squadron sent his regrets.   |
| Jibs Abitoye MOVED to accept verbal reports provided by the Military. | Carried.  |



| 7.4 Subcommittee Reports  |   |
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| 7.4.1 Strategic Action  | No reports from Strategic Action  |
| 7.4.2 Budget Subcommittee   | Two items for S Maybee to bring forward, which were in the Agenda package:  |
| S. Maybee MOVED to approve the<br>Committee's funding of the A Dance<br>to Remember and Hot Chocolate for<br>the Beechmount Ceremony with No<br>Stone Left Alone. | <ul> <li>Recommendation to fund the A Dance to<br/>Remember Gala / No Stone Left Alone - \$7,500<br/>sponsorship</li> <li>Recommendation to support the purchasing<br/>of Hot Chocolate for the Beechmount<br/>Ceremony with No Stone Left Alone - note this<br/>will come out of the Military Liaison Budget<br/>with ESC being the face of the sponsorship.</li> <li>Carried.</li> <li>** Brian Hodgson and Steve Maybee announced<br/>that after 31 years that he will be retiring from the<br/>Edmonton Airports on Dec 31. Somebody else will<br/>get appointed to this Committee before the end of</li> </ul> |
|   | the year.   |
| 7.4.3 Bylaw and Policy  |   |
|   | K Corbould they are waiting for the bylaw changes<br>requested to include Morinville as one of the<br>members. At their next meeting they will be<br>discussing that the organizations ESC is supporting<br>through funds and attendance are aligning with<br>the committee's mandate.  |
| 7.4.4 Membership & Orientation<br>Subcommittee  | L. Strachan asked administration to complete<br>attendance for the last year of meetings. This is<br>not to be punitive, but to see how the committee<br>can engage with members who may be struggling  |



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|     |   | to attend.  |
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|     | F. Malott MOVED to accept verbal reports and updates provided by the Subcommittee chairs. | Carried   |
| 7.5 | Other Reports   |   |
|     |   | <ul> <li>A. Tsang asked if anyone from the ESC wanted to speak about their Military experience at a couple of school events on Nov 3 and Nov 10. Let him know.</li> <li>The following municipal representatives noted their re-appointment: <ul> <li>Councillor Principe with City of Edmonton</li> <li>Councillor Berghofer with Strathcona County</li> <li>Councillor Killick with St. Albert</li> <li>Mayor McRae with Redwater</li> <li>Councillor Balanko with Morinville</li> </ul> </li> <li>K. Berghofer announced an event being hosted by Strathcona County at Millenium Place - Military Appreciation on November 11.</li> <li>D. Derouin from Sturgeon County shared about a meeting he attended regarding an initiative to find a location for Last Post / Military museum. The Villeneuve Airport may be a potential location.</li> <li>D. McRae He attended the swearing of the eight newest members of the Canadian Military - he was a proud father of one of them.</li> <li>M. Killick mentioned an event that he attended with the St. Albert Legion # 271 and raised their flag both as Deputy Mayor and representing Edmonton Salutes. He will do poppy sales. He has been engaged in the Nov</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <ul> <li>11 planning of activities with the Legion. He will be speaking at the launching of Cadet Week in Sl. Albert on Nov 2 to welcome and recognize the cadets and their work.</li> <li>R. Balanko noted a Military History Living Library will take place on Nov 3rd from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm - a very unique experience and very well attended. Link will be sent.</li> </ul> |
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| 8.   | New Business   |  |
|  |  | Chair, B. Hodgson noted that the committee needs<br>to discuss and motion next meeting how to spend<br>any remaining funds in the budget. Ideas noted for<br>discussion included the Veterans Association Food<br>Bank and EUSI. However, the funds EUSI need will<br>be for next year so A. Tsang will submit a request<br>for next year.   |
| 9.   | Next Meeting   |  |
|  | 9.1 Next Meeting                                       | November 24, 2023 - Virtual<br>All attendees will vote on chair and vice chair<br>nominations.   |
| 10.  | Adjournment  |  |
|  | K. Corbould MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. | Carried. Meeting ended at 10:07 a.m.   |
| <ul> <li>Upcoming Committee Meetings:</li> <li>November 24, 2023</li> <li>December 8, 2023 - Volunteer appreciation lunch (will be a meeting if needed)</li> </ul> |  |  |